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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 14-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 September 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Preliminary Amendment

Preliminary amendment filed on 9/27/2006 has been entered. Claims 1-13 are cancelled and claims 14-26 are pending for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 14-16, 18, 20, 22-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Padawer et al. (US 2002/0052196)**, herein referred as Padawer.

Regarding Claim 14, Padawer discloses a cellular telephone allowing registration information to be called up and used, there being an assignment relationship established between each numerical key included among dial keys of the cellular telephone, and a numerical character on each numerical key and/or a plurality of single alphabetical characters, said cellular telephone comprising:
a storage part for storing a database in which numeric data and a piece of registration information are associated with each other, the numeric data being obtained by numerical conversion of a keyword related to said piece of registration information in

accordance with said assignment relationship **([0018] database, and matching numeric entry against corresponding number or name);**

an acceptance part for accepting a numeric string entered by using said dial keys as a call request for a predetermined piece of registration information **([0010] [0016] detecting user input therefore accepting input as a call request);**

an extraction part for searching said database to extract a piece of registration information associated with numeric data containing said numeric string **([0016] [0018] filtering therefore extracting and searching for the match);** and

a display part for displaying the piece of registration information extracted by said extraction part **([0019] line 9, display the matching information).**

Regarding Claim 15, Padawer discloses the cellular telephone according to claim 14, further comprising: a registration part for registering numeric data and a new piece of registration information in association with each other in said database when accepting the registration of the new piece of registration information, said numeric data being obtained by numerical conversion of a keyword related to the new piece of registration information in accordance with said assignment relationship **([0069] when new information is entered, the phone will filter through databases to find corresponding information).**

Regarding Claim 16, Padawer discloses the cellular telephone according to claim 14, wherein when said numeric string is entered and a predetermined function key is

pressed, said acceptance part displays types of said registration information to accept a selection thereof, thereby accepting said numeric string as a call request for a selected type of registration information **([0043] enter speed dial number and select select speed dial function to trigger a call)**.

Regarding Claim 18, Padawer discloses the cellular telephone according to claim 14, wherein said registration information includes a telephone number **([0043] lines 14-15)**.

Regarding Claim 20, Padawer discloses the cellular telephone according to claim 14, wherein said registration information includes a function registered in the cellular telephone **([0043] speed dial function)**.

Regarding Claim 22, Padawer discloses the cellular telephone according to claim 14, further comprising: a call request part for requesting said acceptance part to call up said predetermined piece of registration information which specifies said numeric string when said numeric string is entered on a standby screen and a predetermined dial key is pressed **([0043] [0052] and Fig. 2A-2F)**.

Regarding Claim 23, Padawer discloses the cellular telephone according to claim 22, wherein when part of said numerical string is entered on said standby screen, said call request part searches said database for a keyword containing a character string obtained by character conversion of said part in accordance with said assignment

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relationship to extract and display keyword candidates on said standby screen, thereby accepting a selection there among, and requests said acceptance part to call up said predetermined piece of registration information corresponding to a selected keyword **[[0018] numeric entries corresponding to user's first name or surname therefore character conversion)**.

Regarding Claim 24, Padawer discloses a cellular telephone allowing registration information to be called up and used, there being an assignment relationship established between each numerical key included among dial keys of the cellular telephone, and a numerical character on each numerical key and/or a plurality of single alphabetical characters, said cellular telephone comprising:

a storage part for storing a database in which a keyword related to a piece of registration information and said piece of registration information are associated with each other **[[0018]]**;

an acceptance part for accepting a numeric string entered by using said dial keys as a call request for a predetermined piece of registration information **[[0016] [0018]]**;

an extraction part for searching said database to extract a piece of registration information associated with a keyword containing a character string obtained by character conversion of said numeric string in accordance with said assignment relationship **[[0018]]**; and

a display part for displaying the piece of registration information extracted by said

extraction part **([0019])**.

Regarding Claim 25, Padawer discloses a cellular telephone allowing registration information to be called up and used, there being an assignment relationship established between each numerical key included among dial keys of the cellular telephone, and a numerical character on each numerical key and/or a plurality of single alphabetical characters, said cellular telephone comprising:

a storage part for storing registration information **([0018] database storing user information)**;

an acceptance part for accepting a numeric string as a call request for a predetermined piece of registration information when the numeric string is entered by using said dial keys, the numeric string being obtained by numerical conversion of a keyword related to said registration information in accordance with said assignment relationship **([0016] [0018])**; and

an extraction part for extracting a piece of registration information corresponding to said numeric string **([0016] [0018])**.

Regarding Claim 26, Padawer discloses a personal digital assistant **([0005])** including numerical keys, said personal digital assistant allowing registration information to be called up and used, there being an assignment relationship established between each of the numerical keys of the personal digital assistant, and a numerical character on

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each numerical key and/or a plurality of single alphabetical characters, said personal digital assistant comprising:

a storage part for storing a database in which numeric data and a piece of registration information are associated with each other, the numeric data being obtained by numerical conversion of a keyword related to said piece of registration information in accordance with said assignment relationship ([0018]);

an acceptance part for accepting a numeric string entered by using said numerical keys as a call request for a predetermined piece of registration information ([0016] [0018]);

an extraction part for searching said database to extract a piece of registration information associated with numeric data containing said numeric string ([0016] [0018]);

and

a display part for displaying the piece of registration information extracted by said extraction part ([0019]).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 17, 19 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Padawer in view of **Schon (US 2004/0248621)**.

Regarding Claim 17, Padawer discloses the cellular telephone according to claim 14 wherein said registration includes address **([0067])**, but fails to disclose said registration information includes an e-mail address. Schon teaches an electronic device that allows user to conduct electronic mail **([0002][0003][0019])** therefore email address must exist to perform email service. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the e-mail address taught by Schon into the registration information disclosed by Padawer in order to enhance the functionality of the cellular phone by integrating multiple different functions into one device **([0002])**, and fulfill many different functions by using multi-functional programmable keys **([0019])**. This multi-functional use of the keys reduces the need for more keys as the number of operation functions increase in electronic device.

Regarding Claim 19, Padawer discloses the cellular telephone according to claim 14 wherein said registration information includes a telephone number **([0067])**, but fails to disclose said registration information includes a telephone number serving as a destination of short message service. Schon teaches an electronic device that allows users to send short messages **([0002] [0053])**. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the short message service taught by Schon into the cellular telephone disclosed by Padawer in order to enhance the functionality of the cellular phone by integrating multiple different functions into one device **([0002])** and fulfill many different

functions by using multi-functional programmable keys ([0019]). This multi-functional use of the keys reduces the need for more keys as the number of operation functions increase in electronic device.

Regarding Claim 21, Padawer discloses The cellular telephone according to claim 14 wherein said registration information includes an address ([0067]), but fails to disclose said registration information includes an address of a favorite site. Schon teaches an electronic device that provides web services ([0003] [0058]) therefore website address must exist to perform web service. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the web address taught by Schon into the cellular telephone database disclosed by Padawer in order to enhance the functionality of the cellular phone by integrating multiple different functions into one device ([0002]) and fulfill many different functions by using multi-functional programmable keys ([0019]). This multi-functional use of the keys reduces the need for more keys as the number of operation functions increase in electronic device.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Burke (US 2004/0018852) discloses a method and apparatus for alphanumeric address book conversion in a wireless personal digital assistant.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KATHY WANG-HURST whose telephone number is (571)270-5371. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 7:30am-5pm, alternate Fridays, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Benny Tieu can be reached on (571)272-7490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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